

3 October 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR : Brigadier General Andrew J. Goodmaster (USIA)
Staff Secretary
The White House

SUBJECT : Report and Recommendations on Personnel
Security Procedures

1. We are forwarding for your information one copy each of "Report on 'Personnel Security Procedures -- Classified Foreign Intelligence,' in Effect as of 1 July 1960" (USIB-D-9.6/1) and "Recommendations Concerning Personnel Security Procedures" (USIB-D-9.6/2). Aside from copies of these documents furnished to Mr. Gordon Gray, these papers have not as yet been distributed outside of the intelligence community.


2. For your information, the United States Intelligence Board took the following action on these documents on 27 September:

a. Approved the recommendations concerning personnel security procedures as submitted by the Security Committee in USIB-D-9.6/5, 22 September. In this connection, while the AEC representative had no objection to a study of proposed legislation as set out in 2. a., 2. b., and 2. c., he noted that with respect to 2. c., Public Law 733 (81st Congress) permitted heads of USIB departments and agencies (in their absolute discretion) to suspend a civilian officer or employee from a sensitive position in the interest of national security provided the employee was notified of the reason for suspension and afforded an opportunity to show why he should be reinstated. The AEC representative further noted that AEC had adequate authority under the Atomic Energy Act, and did not believe that the additional authority contemplated by the proposed legislation was necessary to its operations.

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b. Noted the factual study developed by the Security Committee on Personnel Security Procedures -- Classified Foreign Intelligence, in effect as of 1 July 1960 (USIB-D-9.6/1). While the members agreed as to the desirability of not distributing this document outside of the intelligence community it was recognized that it might be necessary to make the information available to higher authority.

3. In this connection, I might emphasize again that the USIB action on certain of the recommendations in USIB-D-9.6/1 should not be interpreted as indicating USIB approval of the legislative proposals referred to in paragraphs 1.a., 2.b. and 2.c. As you will note, the USIB only agreed that an ad hoc committee study and report back to the Board on these matters, at which time USIB will have a further opportunity to consider any specific legislative proposals. Mr. Lawrence Houston, General Counsel, CIA, has been designated Chairman of this ad hoc committee.


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